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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Burnside et al.  
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BIOABSORBABLE  
STRUCTURAL SUPPORT

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

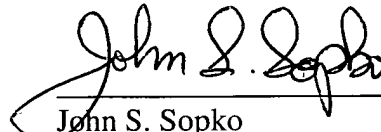
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of three months is hereby requested to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A final Office Action was mailed September 23, 2005.

A three-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date of this Request is March 23, 2006. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for the requisite fee in the amount of \$1,020.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Sopko", is written over a horizontal line.

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